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SUBJECT: UK PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF COCOM CRITERIA
AND EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE

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1. ON AUGUST 13 JAPANESE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE CAME TO DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS APPROACH IN TOKYO BY UK EMBASSY TO GIVE JAPANESE SAME PROPOSALS ON COCOM CRITERIA AND EXCEPTIONS PRESENTED TO U.S. AND WE UNDERSTAND TO OTHER COCOM PARTNERS (REFTEL). HE SAID REFERENCE WAS MADE TO FURTHER BILATERALS WITH UK SOMETIME BEFORE NEXT APRIL.

2. JAPANESE VIEWS THOUGH TENTATIVE APPARENTLY FAVORABLE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO U.S. VIEWS WE SAID WE HAD NOT DEVELOPED AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL POSITION AND DID NOT EXPECT
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TO DO SO AT AN EARLY DATE GIVEN FACT UK ENVISAGES COCOM

DISCUSSION NEXT SPRING. WE SAID IN GENERAL UK INITIATIVE
SEEMED AN APPROPRIATE ONE FOR COCOM CONSIDERATION. WE
AGREED WITH JAPANESE EVALUATION THAT UK PROPOSAL APPEARS
TO BE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO REFLECT EVOLUTION IN COCOM
PRACTICES SINCE COCOM CRITERIA LAST REVISED SOME YEARS
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